Simply Colorful Spring 2014 Mystery Quilt Challenge

CLUE #5

Congratulations. If you've been keeping up with the clues, you've officially cut and sewn a total of 2,299 scraps of fabric into a total of 667 Units. Well done!

Here's how many of each unit you should have. Each Unit should measure 3.5" x 3.5".

64	B N A Unit #1A	32	B C C B Unit #3B
64	N B Unit #1B	107	N Unit #3C
64	B C C C C B Unit #2A	16	A Unit #3D
64	C B B B C Unit #2B	96	N B Unit #4A
64	C N C Unit #3A	96	N C Unit #4B

Now it's time to put it all together!

ASSEMBLY

Make a total of sixty three 9" x 9" BLOCKS. Specifically, make 16 STAR BLOCKS, 15 NEUTRAL-OVAL BLOCKS, and 32 SMALL-PIECE BLOCKS.

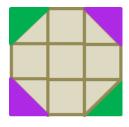
STAR BLOCK- make 16 – finished size will be 9" x 9"



For each block, you'll need

- 1-Unit #3D
- 4-Unit #3As
- 2-Unit #4As
- 2-Unit #4Bs

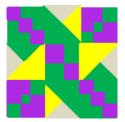
NEUTRAL OVAL BLOCK – make 15 – finished size will be 9" x 9"



For each block, you'll need

- 2-Unit #4As
- 2-Unit #4Bs
- 5-Unit #3Cs (Neutral 3.5" squares)

SMALL PIECES BLOCK– make 32 – *finished size will be 9"x9"*

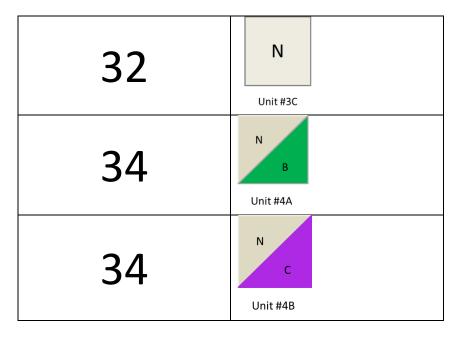


For each block, you'll need

- 1-Unit #3B
- 2-Unit #1As
- 2-Unit #1Bs
- 2-Unit #2As
- 2-Unit #2Bs

BORDER

Once all sixty three 9"x9" blocks are completed, you should have the following units left over:

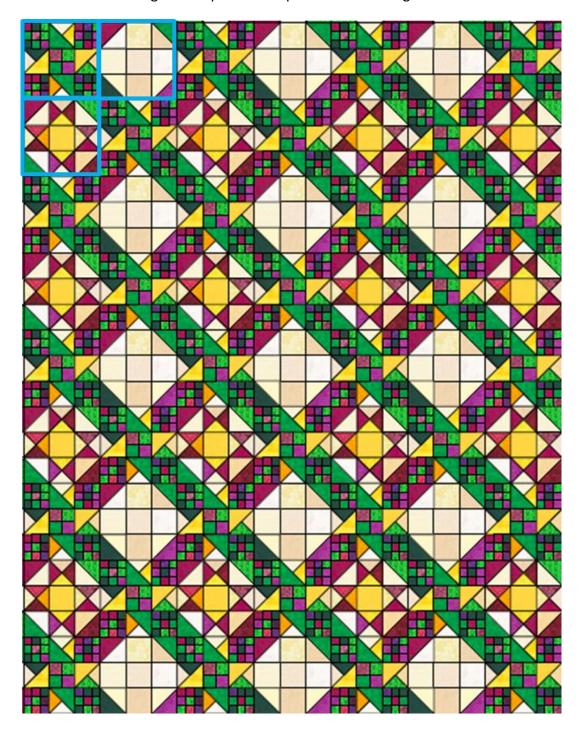


These remaining units will be sewn to the outside blocks before you web the top together. The result will be a 3" border all around the quilt. [It's true, the finished quilt top will measure 69" x 87", not the originally advertised 72"x90". You may add a 1.5" border around all 4 sides to bring it to 72"x90". I choose to leave mine as is without adding the 1.5" border.]

LAYOUT THE BLOCKS

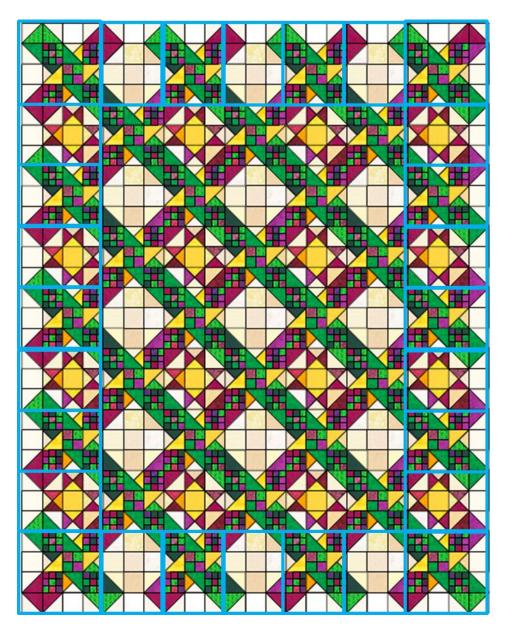
Arrange the blocks according to the diagram below. It will be 7 blocks wide by 9 blocks tall.

Note: Color B will form diagonal stripes from top left to bottom right.



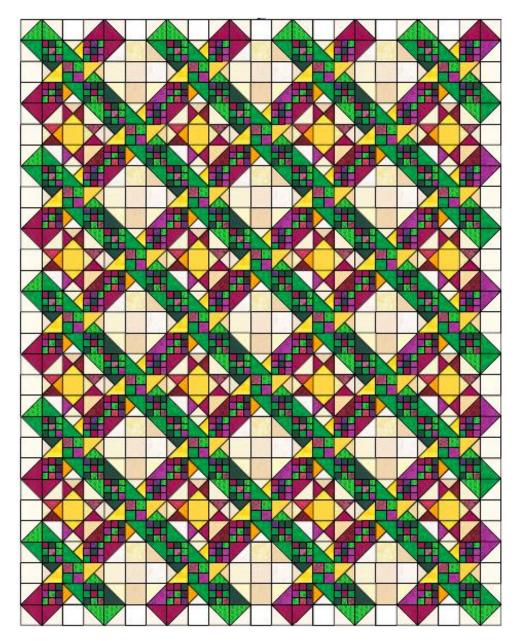
SEW BORDERS ONTO OUTSIDE BLOCKS

BEFORE sewing all sixty three blocks together, sew on the respective border units. See outlined blocks on this diagram. There will be 28 blocks around the perimeter that will have extra border units sewn on. Follow the pattern, matching B and C colors to complete the diagonal stripe effect.



WEB ALL BLOCKS TOGETHER

Now it's time to sew the blocks together! Iron it flat. Take time to admire. Applaud your work!



BACKING & SANDWICH

Sew backing fabric together so it measures at least $72^{\prime\prime}x90^{\prime\prime}$. (I like a backing that's at least $75^{\prime\prime}x95^{\prime\prime}$ just so I know I'll have plenty or extra around the edges.) Create a sandwich of the backing, batting, and completed quilt top.

Baste or pin a grid of 5" or less. Tie or quilt in any method you choose.

BINDING

Make 9 yards of continuous binding from 2.25" strips cut on bias and sewn together. Iron the 9 yards of 2.25" binding in half lengthwise so it is 1 and 1/8" wide and 9 yards long. Sew the binding all the way around the front of the quilt, matching raw edges of quilt and binding, with a ¼" seam. Miter the corners and join the beginning and end of the binding together once you're all the way around the quilt.

Roll the binding over the edge to the back of the quilt and hand sew the folded edge of the binding to the backing.

Wash on gentle with a <u>Shout Color Catcher</u>. Dry on medium heat in your dryer until damp and then hang out on the line to complete the drying.

Wrap and snuggle!

Or gift and smile!

A THANK YOU

I can't finish this last clue without a heartfelt thank you to everyone who's taken this journey with me. It's been beyond fun. I hope you've learned a few things along the way. I know I have. So, until our next Simply Colorful Mystery Quilt Tour, see you online and on Fiber Cast!

And don't forget to post photos on the <u>SIMPLY COLORFUL MYSTERY QUILT ALONG</u> group page. (Open to all.)

APPENDIX: SPRING 2014 MYSTERY QUILT CLUES

Here are links to all the clues for this first Simply Colorful Mystery quilt.

Clue 1

Clue 2

Clue 3

Clue 4

Clue 5

I'm going to call it "Daffodil and Crocus."